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*Whereas, The USS Indianapolis was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard November 15, 1932, and, on July 30, 1945, while sailing from Guam to Leyte Gulf, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine;*

*Whereas, When torpedoed, the USS Indianapolis was returning from its assignment to deliver components for the world's second and third atomic bombs to the island of Tinian;*

*Whereas, The USS Indianapolis capsized and sank in 12 minutes;*

*Whereas, Of the original 1,196 men on board, approximately 300 went down with the ship;*

*Whereas, The remaining sailors were left with very few lifeboats and struggled to survive in shark infested waters;*

*Whereas, On August 2, 1945, while flying a routine antisubmarine patrol in the area, Lieutenant Wilbur C. Gwinn spotted the survivors;*

*Whereas, By the end of the search on August 8, 1945, only 316 survivors were found;*



*Whereas, In a highly controversial proceeding, Captain Charles McVay III, the captain of the USS Indianapolis and one of the survivors, was court-martialed and convicted of "hazarding his ship by failing to zigzag", making him the only captain to be court-martialed for losing a ship in combat;*

*Whereas, In October 2000, President Clinton signed legislation exonerating Captain McVay, and the Navy conceded that Captain McVay, was innocent of any wrongdoing;*

*Whereas, The sinking of the USS Indianapolis remains the worst U.S. Naval disaster in history and the worst loss of life from shark attack in naval history; and*

*Whereas, Keeping the memory of the USS Indianapolis and her valiant crew alive is of the utmost importance: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly declares July 30 as  
2       USS Indianapolis Day to commemorate the date of the sinking of the  
3       USS Indianapolis and in memory of the brave sailors who lost their  
4       lives.

5       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul J.  
7       Murphy, chairman of the board of the USS Indianapolis Survivors  
8       Organization.

